

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cecilia Tapia, Director, SUPR

FROM: Kevin Larson, OSC SUPR/ERNB

THRU: Dan Gravatt, RPM SUPR/MOKS

DATE: Sunday, November 24, 2013

RE: Trip report

Site: Westlake Landfill Site
Address: 13570 St. Charles Rock Road
Bridgeton, MO 63044
CERCLIS ID: MOD079900932
SSID: 0714

OSC oversight 11/18/2013 – 11/22/2013:

11/18/13: OSC Larson met with OSC Nold for a briefing in the Regional Office to hand off site logbook, thumb drive, and camera SD card. OSC Larson mobilized to the site and arrived at 1515 hours. OSC Larson visited the MDNR EER trailer set up SE of the landfill. MDNR EER personnel are conduction perimeter and community air monitoring from this location utilizing an areaRae system. The trailer is generally staffed from 6am-6pm and a communication system is set up to notify them after hours if any alarms are triggered. OSC Larson then met with Paul Eastvold at the Feezor Engineering trailer. Arrangements were made to conduct the Health and Safety training the next morning when ORD personnel would also be on site. The GCPT crew completed 6 locations for the day.

11/19/13, Tuesday: EPA Larson met EPA ORD Personnel at the main gate to the landfill. ORD personnel visiting the Site were: Gary Bertram, EPA Region 7; David Carson, Thabet Tolaymat Jon Powell. All new personnel to the site (including Nold and Hooper) are given site specific H&S briefing while the crew initiates the days operations. Following the H&S training OSC Larson, Gary Bertram and David Carson entered the Site along with Paul Eastvold. EPA personnel were given a walk through tour of the entire Site that will be sampled by the GCPT unit. Following the site walk through ORD personnel left the Site to return to Cincinnati. The GCPT crew completed 8 sample locations this date. The GCPT points completed were: 5-3, 5-4, 5-1, 6-2, 6-3, 7-2, 9-2, 10-1.

11/20/13, Wednesday: EPA Larson at site with crew conducting H&S tailgate meeting. GCPT Crew to with the GCPT points starting with 10-2. GCPT crew was having issues with the on board computer and had to remove the computer from the rig. The computer was operational again at 1015 hours. GCPT points completed this date were: 10-2, 11-2, 11-3, 12-2, 12-1. Discussions were held at the end of the sampling today concerning the issues with the on board computer. The problem seems to be a moisture issue within the computer due it being kept on the GCPT during the evenings. It was determined that the best option was to remove the computer from the GCPT at the end of each day and place it back in the GCPT rig each morning.

11/21/13, Thursday: EPA Larson attended the morning H&S tailgate meeting at 0645. RPM Matt Jefferson arrived on site. GCPT unit started at location 11-1. GCPT points 12-5, 12-4, 12-3, 13-1 were then completed. GCPT points 13-2, 13-3 and 13-4 all had refusal at 3 – 5 feet. The GCPT crew relocated three times at each GCPT location but had refusal with each attempt. OSC Larson received a phone call from Section Chief Katy Miley to discuss the transition on Friday with OSC Schuette. Due to possible bad weather and the fact that OSC Schuette was finishing up a mercury response, there would be no on-site transition between OSCs.

11/22/13, Friday: Larson attended the morning H&S tailgate meeting at 0645. RPM Jefferson also on site this date but did not make an entry into the sampling area. Following the H&S meeting a discussion was held concerning the number attempts to try at GCPT points where refusal is encountered. It was decided that in order to stay on schedule for work outside the fenced area over the weekend, that only one attempt per GCPT point would be made today. OSC Larson contacted OSC Schuette to discuss the transition to her of oversight duties. The camera SD card, thumb drive and files would be left at the office trailer and she was given the phone number for Paul Eastvold as a point of contact. It was anticipated that OSC Schuette would be arriving on site at approximately 1400 hours. This would allow for her to receive the on site Health and Safety training on Friday rather than Saturday morning. OSC Larson departed from the Site at 0930 hours.

To my knowledge, the site was not visited by the general public or any media outlets during this time period. No visible emissions of dust were observed from activities being conducted by this project.

OSC Larson informed OSC Schuette of an issue with the SD card for the digital camera. Photographs taken by OSC Larson could not be found on the card for downloading. OSC Larson did some tests with another SD card and the camera functioned properly. OSC Schuette contacted OSC Larson on Saturday and notified him that the photographs that were taken had been found but were not numbered in sequence with past photographs. OSC Schuette downloaded the photographs to the website.

All site photographs, drawings, records, and / or other actions taken that document EPA OSC oversight or PRP actions can be found at: www.epaosc.org/westlakeoversightinfo.